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# NATIONAL BREAST CANCER STUDY STILI SEEKING MORE MINORITIES TO ENROLL

With five months left to find additional participants, the Sister Study a study of environmental and genetic risk factors for breast cancer, which aims to determine the cause of breast cancer and its effects on women of different ethnicities, is almost 11,000 women short of its recruitment goal, the *Detroit Free Press* reports.

The study, which is being conducted by NHI's Environmental Health Sciences-- seeks to recruit 50,000 U.S. women between ages 35 and 74, particularly minorities, those who work in nontraditional and industrial occupations, and those who are older than 55. Previous breast cancer studies have focused on primarily white, middle-class women, but researchers are uncertain if breast cancer risk factors among white women and other women are the same, Lisa DeRoo, an NIH researcher, said.

Researchers from the Sister Study are seeking black, Hispanic, Asian and American Indian women who have never been diagnosed with cancer but have a blood-related sister who has. Participants must commit to diagnostic tests, questionnaires and annual follow-up interviews over 10 years (*Kaiser Health Disparities Report*, 1/8).

Minority women make up 12% of the 39,000 enrolled, and researchers have recruited, 2,531 African American women, 1300 Hispanic/Latinas, 463 American Indians and 335 Asian.

Recruiters look at cancer registries and contact cancer organizations and sororities by mail to find participants. Cultural and language barriers often hinder recruitment, the *Free Press* reports.

DeRoo said that researchers "really want the study to be representative of the women in the United States," adding, "We do know that the incidence of the disease and survival rates vary from group to group. ... Part of the reason why it's so important to recruit a diverse group of women is that we want the results to benefit the different women across the United States"

If you join the Sister Study, you will get a Sister Study Kit through the mail. The Kit contains study information, questionnaires, and material to use when collecting urine, toenail, and household dust samples. They will ask you to complete several study requirements in the weeks immediately following your enrollment. They will then ask you to complete a set of follow-up requirements over the next 10 years. So far there are 39,176 women enrolled in this study nationwide and only 270 are from

More information about the Sister Study:

Utah.

http://www.sisterstudy.org/English/index1.htm (English)

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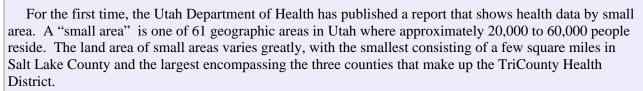
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# THE FIRST UTAH BRFSS\* SMALL AREA REPORT (\*BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTORS SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM)



This report is especially useful for examining health issues in the urban Wasatch front, where the population is dense enough to show health status by city or even neighborhood. Using this report, health advocates can focus their efforts on specific cities and neighborhoods that have a higher prevalence of certain health needs. City councils, coalitions and community-based organizations can discover which health problems and strengths exist in their local areas. These data will be invaluable for organizations that would like to apply for grants to address health problems within their cities and neighborhoods.

Appendix D of the report shows the demographics of each small area, including the percentage of the population by race and ethnicity. This appendix is color-coded so you can see if an area has a higher or lower percentage of minorities in its population than most other areas of the state. Appendix E shows the actual number of people by race and ethnicity in each small area.

A useful appendix for those seeking knowledge about all of the health issues affecting a specific local area is Appendix A, where you can find prevalence rates for 22 different conditions and behaviors for each small area, as well as rankings to compare that prevalence to the rest of the state.

This report does not show health status by race and ethnicity. The number of people of any specific race in a small area is very small, so data would be unreliable and could even create privacy problems for minority community members if it were published (e.g., you might be able to guess the identity of the Pacific Islander with high blood pressure in your neighborhood).

For statewide health status by race and ethnicity, see <a href="http://www.health.utah.gov/cmh/data/indicators.htm">http://www.health.utah.gov/cmh/data/indicators.htm</a>. For a full copy of the BRFSS Small Area report, please visit: <a href="http://health.utah.gov/opha/publications/brfss/SA2001-2005/SA2001-2005.html">http://health.utah.gov/opha/publications/brfss/SA2001-2005/SA2001-2005.html</a>

#### LOW-COST, CANCER-FIGHTING HPV VACCINE AVAILABLE

The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) is offering low-cost vaccines to prevent the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) to eligible women in Utah - specifically, women between the ages of 19-26 who have no health insurance or have insurance that does not pay for the vaccine.

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection in the U.S., causing genital warts and up to 70 percent of all cervical cancers. The vaccine was approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in June 2006 and is effective against the four strains of the virus that cause the majority of health problems.

The UDOH is able to fund the low-cost vaccines for women ages 19-26 because of a \$1 million donation from Utah industrialist Jon Huntsman, Sr. in April. Additionally, qualifying adolescents and teens may receive the vaccine through the CDC's Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program.

There is a small fee charged to administer the vaccine. For a list of locations where the vaccine is available, call 1-800-717-1811, or for more information visit <a href="www.utahcancer.org">www.utahcancer.org</a>

Source: Utah Health News



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### UTAH DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH, WORKFORCE SERVICES CONSOLIDATE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY WORKERS

Since July 2007, Utahns applying for Medicaid programs will need only to interact with one state agency to determine their eligibility. In the past, both the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) and the Utah Department of Workforce Services (DWS) employed Medicaid eligibility workers. But under a proposal presented by Governor Jon Huntsman, Jr., and approved by the 2007 State Legislature, more than 250 UDOH eligibility workers were consolidated into the DWS.

"I'm confident the consolidation will be in the best interest of the citizens we serve," said Dr. David Sundwall, UDOH Executive Director. "Those in need of the critical services provided by the Medicaid programs can now interact with a single eligibility worker in a one-stop service environment."

In the past, UDOH would handle only those Medicaid cases that were medical in nature. Other cases, which include services such as food stamps, financial assistance through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program or child care, were handled by DWS. During fiscal year 2006, more than 20 percent of Medicaid cases transferred between the two departments, often creating confusion and frustration on the part of Medicaid clients. In that same year, more than 20,000 Medicaid cases received benefits from both departments.

"It is our goal, through this consolidation, to improve customer service and access while creating operational efficiencies," said Kristen Cox, DWS Executive Director. "We remain committed to maintaining exemplary customer service in providing accountable, accurate and timely Medicaid eligibility determinations."

In January, a joint UDOH/DWS planning team began communicating with stakeholders and planning for the consolidation. The planning team created a guiding principle to ensure a seamless transition for all Medicaid clients. Under the plan, UDOH retains its role as the agency responsible for Medicaid policy making. The plan also supports maintaining staffing of positions currently based in, and financially supported by, health care facilities and specialized long-term care facilities.

A list of Medicaid eligibility sites is available at http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/officesearch

Source: Utah Health News

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING BOARD

The Human Services Licensing Board is seeking an individual from the community to serve a 4 year term. This vacancy is to be filled by a representative from the "general public". Because of Utah's changing demographics, the board would like to invite a person from the minority community to fill this position. Below are the responsibilities of the board.

#### **Licensing Board Responsibilities:**

In accordance with Title 62A, Chapter 2, Section 105 the responsibilities of the licensing board is to review and approve administrative rules regarding:

- Approving, denying, suspending, and revoking licenses;
- Conditional licenses, variances from department rule, and exclusions;
- The protection of the basic health and safety of clients;
- Licensing of all persons and human services programs that are required to be licensed under Chapter 62A-2; and
- Notification to providers and subproviders of rights and responsibilities including who to contact within the department when filing a complaint against a licensee or human services program, and the responsibility of the department to follow up once contacted.

The licensing board shall also:

- Define information that shall be submitted to the department with an application for a license;
- Review and approve fees, in accordance with Section 63-38-3.2, for licenses issued under Chapter 62A-2;
- Represent the community and licensees; and
- Advise the department as requested, concerning enforcement of rules established under Chapter 62A-2.

The licensing board meets at least quarterly, or more frequently as determined by the director, the chair, or three or more members of the board. Five members constitute a quorum and a vote of the majority of the members present constitutes the action of the board. Members receive no compensation or benefits for their services, but may receive per diem and expenses incurred in the performance of the member's official duties at the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107. Members may decline to receive per diem and expenses for their service.

If you are interested in serving on the DHS Licensing Board or you know someone who may be interested in serving, please contact OL Director, Ken Stettler at (801) 538-4235 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:kstettler@utah.gov">kstettler@utah.gov</a> or Manuel Romero, Community Relations Program Manager at the Utah State Office of Human Services, at (801) 538-9875 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:maromero@utah.gov">maromero@utah.gov</a>

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#### KUMANA REFUGEES COMING TO UTAH

The United States has agreed to resettle a group of Kunama refugees who have been living in Ethiopian refugee camps since fleeing their homes in rural Eritrea more than 6 years ago. Part of this refugees will be resettle in Utah in the coming months.

The Kumana refugees, who live in Shimelba Refugee Camp near the Eritrean border, are not able to return safely to their homes in Eritrea and cannot settle permanently in Ethiopia. As a result, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) referred more than 1,200 of them—out of a total Kunama population in the camp of 4,000—to the United States for resettlement consideration. The rest of the Kunama refugees in Shimelba—about 2,800 individuals—chose not be included in the UNHCR referral.

This Backgrounder provides Reception and Placement (R&P) agency staff and others assisting refugee newcomers with an overview of the Kunama to help them prepare for the refugees' arrival and resettlement needs. The Backgrounder looks at the experiences of the Kunama in Eritrea, their lives in Shimelba Refugee Camp, and their cultural practices and preferences.

If you want to know more about the Kumana refugees: Who are the Kunama and how did they become refugees, refugee camp life, cultural attributes: languages, religion, community life and leadership, role of the women, food and dietary restrictions, traditional practices that might conflict with U.S. customs, etc. go to <a href="http://www.cal.org/co/pdffiles/backgrounder\_kunama.pdf">http://www.cal.org/co/pdffiles/backgrounder\_kunama.pdf</a>



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#### TRAININGS(I)

#### REFUGEE HEALTH PROMOTION AND NUTRITION TRAINING

U.S COMMITTEE for REFUGEES and IMMIGRANTS (USCRI) will host a two day training in Portland, Oregon on HOW TO PROMOTE HEALTHY LIVING IN REFUGEE COMMUNITIES

Dates: Thursday, and Friday, August 16th and 17th

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization 10301 NE Glisan Street, Portland, Oregon

Topics include: Importance of Health Promotion, Social Marketing, Cultural Competency ORR Points of Wellness and the USCRI Toolkit, Importance of Nutrition and Links to Disease Outcomes, The Five Steps of Change, USCRI Nutrition Flipchart, Creating an action plan for health and nutrition outreach

The session is open to participants from the refugee community, or who work with refugees. all refugee service providers, resettlement case workers, employment advocates, ESL teachers, MAAs, refugee advocates, etc. Training materials and meals will be free of charge. Transportation costs may be covered for groups and organizations living in neighboring states - with an agreement that the training is replicated in the future.

To register, please contact: Jonathan Spangler, USCRI with your name, organization, and contact information.

Phone: (202) 347-3507 Ext. 3111, E-mail: jspangler@uscridc.org

Web: www.refugees.org

#### GRANT WRITING TRAINING

This is a BASIC class and is intended to assist new, faith based and community based organizations achieve their goals by helping them gain access to additional funding resources. The information is designed for new, inexperienced organizations and grant writers. Materials about HUD and other federal programs will be presented and discussed.

August 29-31, 2007- 9:00 am to 3:30 Calvary Baptist Church 1090 South State Street, Salt Lake City, UT

You MUST Register online at: www.hud.gov/event registration/index 2.cfm?eventID=652

You will receive a confirmation and follow-up details prior to the event...

For workshop content questions: Call – Pauline Zvonkovic – (801) 524-6076 or email

Pauline.Zvonkovic@hud.gov



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#### TRAININGS (II)

A new *online training* series for health care providers titled **Treating Adolescents with HIV: Tools for Building Skills in Cultural Competence, Clinical Care and Support** is now available!

This series is designed for MDs, NPs, PAs, RNs, psychologists, social workers, case managers, and other health professionals who are actively involved or interested in adolescent HIV care.

The training is free, and continuing education credits are available for participants. For details visit: <a href="https://www.hivcareforyouth.org">www.hivcareforyouth.org</a>

Investing in Best Practices for Asthma: Health Plans Tackle Asthma Control An Online Seminar Join us on August 16th, from 3:00pm – 4:30pm Eastern Daylight Time, for an online seminar showcasing successful strategies for partnering with health plans to build and sustain comprehensive asthma programs.

Interact with two distinguished health plans—Monroe Plan and Neighborhood Health Plan—and learn how they have designed and implemented asthma management programs. Identify approaches to asthma education and in-home environmental interventions and learn how those strategies can be executed in your program to maximize health outcomes.

Participants will hear from representatives from America's Health Insurance Plans and their efforts to promote national asthma management strategies in health care.

Featured Speakers

This online seminar will feature:

Representatives from America's Health Insurance Plan

Dr. Jim Glauber of Neighborhood Health Plan (Boston)

Ms. Deb Peartree of Monroe Plan (Rochester)

Register Today Don't miss out on this engaging online seminar! Register today or visit the Communities in Action for Asthma-Friendly Environments Online Network for more information about the Online Seminar series. <a href="https://www.AsthmaCommunityNetwork.org">www.AsthmaCommunityNetwork.org</a>



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#### USEFUL RESOURCES (I)

#### **Mobile Immunization Clinic**

In 1993, the "Every Child by Two" Immunization Taskforce in conjunction with the Utah Immunization Program and other sponsors, developed a mobile immunization clinic known as Care-A-Van.

This mobile clinic was designed to help increase access to immunization services and primarily targets areas identified with low immunization levels or limited immunization services.

The Care-A-Van travels throughout the state of Utah every February through October. Immunizations are free for children ages 0-35 months of age and are only \$5.00 per shot for all other children needing immunizations who meet eligibility guidelines for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program.

Care-A-Van clinics are added continually throughout the year. Please click on the link below for 2007 Care-A-Van Clinic Schedule and also to learn how to schedule clinics for your health fairs or festivals.

http://www.immunize-utah.org/public/evchild caravan.htm

New Website for the National Networks for Tobacco Control and Prevention: Reducing commercial tobacco use and advancing parity for priority populations.

The National Networks for Tobacco Control and Prevention is pleased to announce the launch of its new website, <a href="https://www.tobaccopreventionnetworks.org">www.tobaccopreventionnetworks.org</a> a one stop shop for all priority population tobacco control information. Topics include: Eliminating disparities and achieving parity, capacity building, implementing cessation

, protecting the public from secondhand smoke exposure and many more! The site also features case studies and training modules, online reference materials, and a calendar section highlighting tobacco control events throughout the year.

The National Networks for Tobacco Control and Prevention are funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Office on Smoking and Health (OSH) to assist with the implementation of programs and initiatives to address tobacco-related disparities among six populations:

- · African Americans
- · American Indian/Alaska Natives
- · Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders (AAPI)
- Hispanic/Latinos
- Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) communities
- Low socio-economic status (Low SES) groups



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#### USEFUL RESOURCES (II)

#### From Our Lips to Your Ears: How Interpreters Are Changing the World

The book will consist of stories from interpreters.

You can read about the project in greater detail at the official website: http://www.fromourlips.com

The Utah Department of Health/ Asthma Program just recently launched a Back-to-School page in Spanish

http://health.utah.gov/asthma/Espanol.htm

#### The Intercultural Cancer Council is pleased to send to you the latest issue of The Voice

Enjoy reading about the Intercultural Cancer Council's programs and activities. Your comments regarding the newsletter and any of the items are welcome. http://baylor.bm23.com/public/?

#### **NCI Caregiver Project**

They are looking for participants who are: female, between the ages of 31 and 80, and ,currently providing care for someone over the age of 20 with cancer, OR you provided care for someone over the age of 20 with cancer at end-of-life within the last year

Toll-free at: 1-888-249-0029 (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm EDT)

They will ask you some questions about yourself and your caregiving experience. Participating in this study involves a total of 15-20 minutes by phone. If they qualify, eligible participants may be asked to provide additional information about their caregiving experiences in a follow-up telephone interview that will last approximately 45-60 minutes.

http://www.ncipoet.org/email/attachments/Flyer\_CAREGIVER\_FINAL.doc



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#### USEFUL RESOURCES(III)

#### Biomarkers of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Study

Researchers at the University of Utah are conducting a research study to determine the differences between individuals who suffer from COPD and Emphysema and those who are not affected so as to enable doctors to predict the development of COPD or Emphysema in others.

Are you over the age of 45? Have you smoked one pack of cigarettes per day for 20 years (two packs/day for 10 years, etc.)? If so, please consider joining this study. Current and former smokers are welcome.

Participation includes: completing a questionnaire, a blood draw, and having two pulmonary function tests administered to measure lung function. The testing takes approximately 2.5 hours and can be completed in one day.

For more information contact Missy Dixon at (801) 581-LUNG (581-5864), 1-877-581-LUNG (toll free)

or visit the study website at http://www.utahcopd.org.

Participants will be compensated for their time.



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#### GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

#### **Utah Department of Health, HIV Prevention Program Grant Announcement**

HIV/AIDS Prevention Education in Populations at Risk for HIV Infection. The project period is January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010. Applications must be received at the Utah Department of Health by October 1, 2007 no later than 3:00 P.M. MDT. Each grant will be funded on a year-to-year cycle.

A technical assistance conference will be held on August 16, 2007 at 10:00 am at the Utah Department of Health at the Martha Hughes Cannon Building, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, in room 125. You may also participate by conference call, information is provided in the Introduction, Section H.

The grant announcement and ancillary forms may be accessed at the link below http://health.utah.gov/cdc

If you have any questions on the grant announcement, please call Heather Bush or Edwin Espinel at 801-538-6096.

#### RURAL HEALTH NETWORK DEVELOPMENT PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

Agency: HHS/HRSA

Purpose: To provide support to entities that need assistance to plan, organize and develop a health care network because they do not have a significant history of collaboration and are not sufficiently evolved to apply for a three year Rural Health Network Development Grant. This support may be sufficient to jumpstart a network into becoming operational and developing strategies for becoming sustainable. The grant program supports one year of planning to develop and operationalize health care networks, consisting of at least three health care providers, in rural areas.

Application deadline: Oct 05, 2007 8:00 PM ET

Estimated Project Period: One year

Estimated Project Start Date: Mar 01, 2008 Estimated Project End Date: Feb 28, 2009

Estimated Amount of this Competition: \$1.020.000.00

Estimated Number of Awards: 12

Estimated Average size of Awards: \$85,000.00

More information: https://grants.hrsa.gov/webexternal/FundingOppDetails.asp?

FundingCycleId=A6036ABD-6BD1-45F7-A433-

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#### **RURAL HEALTH NETWORK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

To support the development of rural health networks, whose purpose is to increase access to care by overcoming the fragmentation and vulnerability of providers in rural areas. Grant funds are used to support activities that strenghten capabilities of these networks.

Application deadline: Oct 15, 2007 8:00 PM ET

Estimated Project Period: 3 years

Estimated Project Start Date: Mar 01, 2008 Estimated Project End Date: Apr 30, 2011

Estimated Amount of this Competition: \$5,400,000.00

Estimated Number of Awards: 30

Estimated Average size of Awards: \$180,000

https://grants.hrsa.gov/webexternal/FundingOppDetails.asp?FundingCycleId=3E8351C1-5E73-4067-B8B6-

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For more grant opportunities visit the previous issues of *The Connection* http://www.health.utah.gov/cmh/news.html#newsletters

#### ABOUT THE CMH

The Center for Multicultural Health (CMH) is the Utah office of minority health. It is part of the Utah Department of Health, Division of Community and Family Health Services.

Our mission is to promote accessible and highquality programs and policies that help all racial and ethnic minorities in Utah achieve optimal health. We accomplish our mission by increasing public and health professional awareness of persistent race/ ethnic disparities and by developing effective health policies and culturally competent programs that lead to better access and utilization of quality health care services in Utah.



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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Multicultural Health Network Summit**

- Date: August 10, 2007 in Salt Lake City

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- Registration and Agenda: Available online Check our website <a href="https://www.health.utah.gov/cmh">www.health.utah.gov/cmh</a>
- **Exhibitors and sponsors**: please contact Lois Bloebaum (801-538-6992 or lbloebaum@utah.gov)

#### Fall Conference on Substance Abuse and Mental Health

September 26-28, 2007 at the Dixie Center in St, George,

More information: www.dsamh.utah.gov

# 6th Annual Diversity Conference: Domestic Violence in the African American Community

Tuesday, September 11, 2007 Sandy, Utah Organized by The Utah Domestic Violence Council

Keynote speaker from Howard University, Dr. Tricia B. Bent-Goodley, who will present A Culturally Competent Domestic Violence Approach with African Americans.

For treatment providers, the keynote address has been approved by NASW and UPA for 1.75 CEU credits!

Workshops on how to work with interpreters for non-English speaking clients, as well as working with deaf and hard of hearing clients will be offered, among others.

For more information and to access our convenient online registration form, go to www.udvc.org/2007divconf.htm

## 9th Annual Intermountain Healthy Communities Conference

September 5, 2007 Hilton Salt Lake City Center 255 S. West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah To download this brochure and registration form, go to: www.intermountainhealthcare.org/healthycommunities

For more information about the conference, please call 801.442.3798

For more events visit our calendar <a href="http://my.calendars.net/multicultural">http://my.calendars.net/multicultural</a>

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